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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170
and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

As a wireless phone customer, I object to any increase in charges for our phones. We pay for the time we use on our phones and I do not see why that should be increased each time new or stronger signals are installed. At this point in time I am unemployed and am struggling to make ends meet out of my unemployment benefits. Any increases would cause me to discontinue my wireless phone service which would mean less contact from potential employers when they cannot reach me at home, and would also reflect badly on me, since my cell phone number as well as my home number are listed on my resume, if a potential employer should receive a "disconnected" or "discontinued" service message should they try to contact me through my cell phone number. We already pay for the service we need and cannot afford to pay higher costs to benefit other areas. Thank you for your consideration of our needs regarding our wireless phones.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

Darleen Smith
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CC: FCC Subcommittee Members